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In re Application of: Shen-Chun Kuo :  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

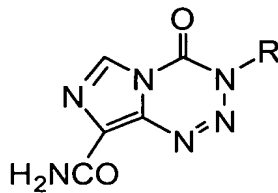
This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 25, 2002. Please make of record the following comments and amendments.

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 25-28.

Please amend claims 1 and 16 as follows.

1. (Amended) A process for the preparation of a compound of the formula IA



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